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AM I
GOING
TO GET
ENTRENCHED
THERE,
TOO?

AN
INESCAPABLE
JOB-
HUNTING
HELL!



WANDERING
AIMLESSLY
FROM ONE
JOB INTERVIEW
TO ANOTHER
IN MEDIUM
AND SMALL
BUSINESSES.

STUDENTS
WHO CAN'T
GET AN
UNOFFICIAL
JOB TRIAL
POSITION WILL
DEFINITELY
FALL INTO
JOB-HUNTING
HELL.



WHEN THOSE
FAIL, YOU GO
TO INTERVIEWS
WITH MEDIUM
AND SMALL
CORPORATIONS
IN THE SUMMER.
AND WHEN
THOSE FAIL,
YOU HOPE TO
GET HIRED IN
AUTUMN.

AND BEFORE
YOU KNOW
IT, YOU WILL
HAVE DONE
INTERVIEWS
AT MAJOR
COMPANIES
FROM WINTER
OF YOUR THIRD
YEAR TO SPRING
OF YOUR
FOURTH.



...YOU'LL BE
WEARING A
RECRUITING
SUIT, EVERY
SINGLE DAY.

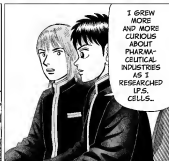
SO ALL
YEAR ROUND
FROM
WINTER TO
AUTUMN.

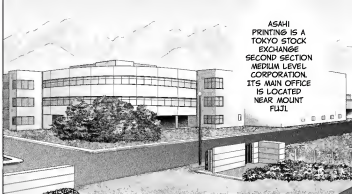


NO!
I DON'T
WANT TO
WEAR THESE
SUITS TILL
SUMMER!



IF THAT
ISN'T HELL,
WHAT IS?



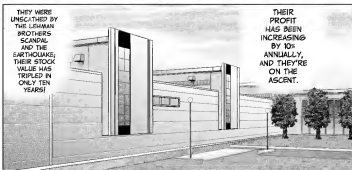


ASAHI
PRINTING IS A
TOKYO STOCK
EXCHANGE
SECOND SECTION
MEDIUM LEVEL
CORPORATION.
ITS MAIN OFFICE
IS LOCATED
NEAR MOUNT
FUJI.



NO, IT'S
NOT. THIS
COMPANY IS
ACTUALLY
AMAZING.

MOUNT
FUJI. A
COUNTRY-
SIDE
PRINTING
COMPANY?



THEY WERE
UNSCATHED BY
THE LIHMAN
BROTHERS
SCANDAL
AND THE
EARTHQUAKE;
THEIR STOCK
VALUE HAS
TRIPLED IN
ONLY TEN
YEARS!

THEIR
PROFIT
HAS BEEN
INCREASING
BY 10%
ANNUALLY,
AND THEY'RE
ON THE
ASCENT.



PRINTING
PHARMACEUTICAL
PACKAGES
CONSISTS OF
MANY PRODUCTS
AND SMALL
QUANTITIES, SO
MAJOR COMPANIES
DON'T WANT TO
GET INVOLVED.
THAT'S WHY ASAHI
PRINTING'S SHARE
OF THE MARKET IS
OVERWHELMING.

THE
STRENGTH
OF THAT
COMPANY IS
THAT THEY
EXCLUSIVELY
PRINT
PACKAGES
OF PHARMA-
CEUTICAL
ITEMS.



FURTHERMORE,
THEY ARE DESIGN
CONSULTANTS,
THEY PROOFREAD
INGREDIENTS, AND
SO ON; THEIR
SERVICES ARE
THOROUGHLY
ACCOMMODATING.

PHARMACEUTICAL
ITEM BOXES HAVE
MANY MINUTE
DETAILS ABOUT
INGREDIENTS, RISKS,
AND SO ON.
THOSE REQUIRE
SPECIALIZED
KNOWLEDGE, WHICH
MAKES IT DIFFICULT
FOR OTHER
COMPANIES TO
ENTER THE
MARKET.



YUNKEL IS
ANOTHER CLIENT,
SO IF YOU GO
TO DRUG AND
CONVENIENCE
STORES, YOU'LL
SEE A LOT OF
WORK BY ASAHI
PRINTING.

IT'S
SAID THAT
CHOCOLA BB
SOLD WELL
BECAUSE
THEY LET
ASAHI
PRINTING
WORK
ON THE
PACKAGING.



THEY'VE
GOT A
BUSINESS
TO
BUSINESS
DYNAMIC.



THEY'RE
NOT WELL-
KNOWN, BUT
THEY'RE AN
OUTSTANDING
CHAMPION OF
BUSINESS
ESTABLISHMENTS.



THAT'S WHEN
CORPORATIONS
ARE IN MUTUAL
COOPERATION.

BUSINESS TO
BUSINESS?



FOR
EXAMPLE,
JAPAN HAS
OVER 50,000
COMPANIES
THAT HAVE
BEEN
AROUND
FOR OVER
100 YEARS.



GOOD POINTS.
BUT IT'S NOT
JUST BUSINESS
TO BUSINESS
COMPANIES.
THERE ARE PLENTY
BUSINESSES IN
THE WORLD THAT
ARE OUTSTANDING,
AND YET
UNHEARD OF.



AND
90% ARE
MEDIUM
OR SMALL
COMPANIES
UNDER 300
EMPLOYEES.

50,000
OF THEM?



AND 8346
OF THOSE
COMPANIES
ARE JAPANESE
BUSINESSES!
THOSE NUMBERS
ARE UNSEEN IN
OTHER PARTS OF
THE WORLD, AND
MOST OF THEM
ARE UNKNOWN
MEDIUM AND
SMALL
COMPANIES.

THERE
ARE 5,586
COMPANIES
IN THE
WORLD THAT
ARE OVER
200 YEARS
OLD.



THEY'VE
EVEN BEEN
HEARD TO SAY:
"THAT'S ENOUGH
OF TOYOTA.
SHOW US THE
BUSINESSES
THAT HAVE BEEN
GOING FOR A
FEW HUNDRED
YEARS."

THE
CHINESE
HAVE
STARTED
COMING TO
OBSERVE
JAPAN.



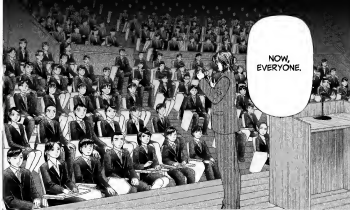
...BUT
IT'S THE
OUTSTANDING
MEDIUM AND
SMALL
COMPANIES LIKE
ASAHI PRINTING
THAT SUPPORT
JAPAN'S
ECONOMY.

MOST PEOPLE
ONLY KNOW
THE MAJOR
CORPORATIONS
THAT ADVERTISE
ON TV...



FOR
EXAMPLE,
WHEN YOU
GO JOB-
HUNTING.

IT'S
ESSENTIAL TO
KNOW ABOUT
BUSINESSES
LIKE THAT...
IT MIGHT EVEN
BE YOUR OWN
LOSS NOT
TO KNOW
ABOUT THEM.





WHAT? BUT
HE SAID TO
GO TO MAJOR
CORPORATIONS
FIRST.



FIRST
OF ALL,
START JOB-
HUNTING
AT MEDIUM
AND SMALL
BUSINESSES.



EVERYONE'S
FIRST HOPE IS
FOR A JOB
AT A MAJOR
CORPORATION.



THAT'S
BECAUSE YOU
HAVEN'T GOTTEN
THE PRELIMINARIES
DOWN FOR
JOB-HUNTING.
YOU'RE NOT
ACCUSTOMED TO
INTERVIEWS. YOU
CAN'T COMMUNICATE
WELL WITH ADULTS...
YOU DON'T HAVE
THE FOUNDATIONS.
SO OF COURSE
YOU'RE GOING
TO FAIL.

HOWEVER,
IT'S A BIG
MISTAKE
TO GO
JOB-HUNTING
AT MAJOR
CORPORATIONS
RIGHT OFF
THE BAT.

..PRACTICE
FIRST,
AND THEN
PROCEED
WHEN YOU'RE
STRONG
ENOUGH.

IN OTHER
WORDS, IF
YOU WANT TO
INTERVIEW
WITH MAJOR
CORPORATIONS...

INTERVIEWS
AT MAJOR
CORPORATIONS
WOULD BE
TOO HIGH
A HURDLE
WITHOUT ANY
EXPERIENCE.

I SEE...
THAT
DOES
MAKE
SENSE.

..GOING
OUT JOB-
HUNTING
IS LIKE
CLIMBING A
MOUNTAIN.

TO EXPLAIN
IT IN A
SIMPLE
METAPHOR...

THE MORE
YOU DO IT,
THE MORE
POLISHED
YOUR SKILLS
WILL GET, AND
EVENTUALLY,
YOU'LL BE
PREPARED TO
INTERVIEW AT
MAJOR COR-
PORATIONS.

SO BEFORE
YOU GO HIT
UP THE MAJOR
CORPORATIONS,
THINK OF IT AS
PRACTICE AND
GO INTERVIEW
AT MEDIUM
AND SMALL
BUSINESSES,
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER.



IF YOUR
BODY ISN'T
ACCUSTOMED TO
THOSE HEIGHTS,
YOU'LL LOSE
CONSCIOUSNESS
RIGHT AWAY,
AND IT'LL BE A
FAILURE.

BUT MANY
STUDENTS
THINK
JOB-HUNTING
IS LIKE RIDING
A HELICOPTER
TO THE TOP
OF THE
MOUNTAIN.



YOU SHOULD
CLIMB TO
MIDDLE OF THE
MOUNTAIN, GET
YOUR BODY
ACCUSTOMED TO
THAT OXYGEN
INTAKE, AND THEN
YOU'RE READY TO
HEAD TO THE
SUMMIT.

TO
CONQUER A
MOUNTAIN,
YOU MUST
FIRST
ADJUST
TO THE
ALTITUDE.



THE
GOLDEN
PATH.

THOSE
ARE THE
BASICS OF
SUCCESSFUL
MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING.



YOU CAN
AVOID THE
WORST-CASE
SCENARIO OF
FALLING INTO
HELL.

LET'S SAY YOU
FAIL AT LARGE
CORPORATIONS, AND
THEN YOU GO ON
TO INTERVIEW AT
MEDIUM AND SMALL
BUSINESSES. AT
THAT POINT, YOU'VE
GOT EXPERIENCE TO
DRAW ON, AND YOU
CAN SUFFICIENTLY
SHOW THEM WHAT
YOU'VE GOT.



THIS
MAKES
SENSE!

I SEE...



...EVEN IF
YOU DO
ALL THAT,
IT DOESN'T
GUARANTEE
YOU'LL
GET HIRED.

UM...
BUT...



YOU
COULD SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE: "I'M
INTERESTED
IN YOUR
COMPANY,
AND I'M
EAGER TO
MEET WITH
YOU"

YOU CAN
CALL THEM
ON THE
PHONE AND
ASK THEM
DIRECTLY.



YOU
TALK AS IF
YOU'VE ALREADY
BEEN OFFERED
AN UNOFFICIAL
POSITION BY
A LARGE
CORPORATION.
ISN'T THAT
JUST DANDY.



I
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
GO TO
MEDIUM
OR SMALL
BUSINESSES
FIRST!

BUT
I CAN'T
TELL THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
MEDIUM AND
SMALL
BUSINESSES!

I THINK
IT'S SLIMY
TO GO
INTERVIEW
AT MEDIUM
OR SMALL
BUSINESSES
JUST TO
PRACTICE!



NOW
LISTEN
TO ME,
EVERYONE...



OH...



THE
BOTTOM
LINE IS,
YOU'LL MOST
LIKELY BE
INTERVIEWING
AT MEDIUM
OR SMALL
BUSINESSES
EVENTUALLY.

NOT
EVEN 10%
OF JOB-
HUNTING
STUDENTS
GET HIRED
AT MAJOR
BUSINESSES.



INVEST...?!



JOB-HUNTING
IS AN
INVESTMENT
OF YOUR
LIFE.

WHY
DON'T
YOU BUY
STOCKS?

I'VE
GOT
AN IDEA
FOR
YOU.

YOU MAKE
DECISIONS TO
INVEST OR NOT
INVEST BY
THOROUGHLY
INVESTIGATING
AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE
ABOUT
COMPANIES.

IF YOU
BOUGHT
STOCKS, I
THINK IT WOULD
BE VERY USEFUL
IN HELPING
YOU RESEARCH
BUSINESSES.

..PUT UP
CAPITAL..

TO
INVEST
IS TO...

THAT'S
WHAT
NORI-CHAN
WAS
SAYING...



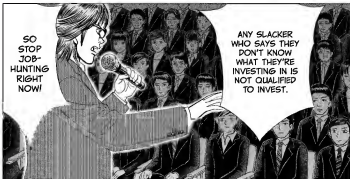
THIS IS AN
INVESTMENT
OF YOUR
LIFE!

YOU'RE
PUTTING UP
THE CAPITAL
CALLED
"YOURSELF"
INTO A
BUSINESS,
AND YOU
YIELD A
RETURN.



YOU MUST
DO SO WITH
ALL YOUR
HEART!

IN THAT
CASE, IT'S ONLY
NATURAL TO
THOROUGHLY
INVESTIGATE
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING TO
INVEST!



SO
STOP
JOB-
HUNTING
RIGHT
NOW!

ANY SLACKER
WHO SAYS THEY
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THEY'RE
INVESTING IN IS
NOT QUALIFIED
TO INVEST.

A man with dark hair and glasses is speaking into a microphone. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. His right hand is raised, gesturing as he speaks. The background is dark with some out-of-focus lights.

YOU GET
TO SEE
THEIR TRUE
WORTH.

A PERSON'S
PERSONALITY
BECOMES
APPARENT
BY HOW THEY
INVESTIGATE
PLACES TO
INVEST.

A close-up shot of the man with glasses. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is plain white.

...OR WILL
YOU CHOOSE
AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT WAY?
THAT'S WHERE
THE KEY TO
SUCCESS OR
FAILURE LIES
HIDDEN.

WILL YOU
BE SHEEP
AND DO
THE SAME
THING
OTHERS
DO...

A close-up shot of a woman's face. She has dark hair pulled back and is looking directly at the viewer with a serious expression. The background is a blurred cityscape at night.

HOW YOU
INVESTIGATE...

ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT
WAY...



I'M
GOING
TO BUY
STOCKS,
TOO!

ALL
RIGHT!





EVEN IF
I FAIL
AND LOSE
IT ALL,
I WON'T
REGRET
IT.



I'LL
USE THE
200,000 YEN
I'VE SAVED
UP FOR THE
GRADUATION
TRIP.



AND IF I
SUCCEED IN
GETTING
HIRED, I'LL
GET THE
MONEY BACK
ANYWAY.



SHOULD
I ASK
NORI-CHAN?

BUT... HOW
DO I BUY
STOCKS?



I WANT
TO FIGURE
THIS
OUT FOR
MYSELF!

BUT
I DON'T
WANT TO
GIVE
HER THE
SATISFAC-
TION.



SETTING
UP AN
INTERNET
BROKERAGE
ACCOUNT
WAS
EASY.



WHAT?
THAT
BRAND IS
RUN BY
AOYAMA
TRADING
COMPANY?



BUT I DON'T
KNOW ANY
BRANDS...



HOW
ABOUT
THAT
COMPANY?

MY SUIT...
I KNOW THE
BRAND I
BOUGHT...

IS
THAT RUN
BY THE
AOYAMA
CLOTHING
STORE?

THE SUIT COMPANY

"THE SUIT
COMPANY"...



...IS THE
PLACE
CALLED
AOYAMA?

AND
AOYAMA...



I HAD
NO IDEA
AT ALL...

I SEE...



WHEN
STUDENTS AND
YOUNG ADULTS
BUY SUITS,
THEY GO TO
THE SUIT
COMPANY
INSTEAD OF
AOYAMA'S.



...HAD
SUCH A
STRONG
HOLD
ON THAT
MARKET.

I HAD NO
IDEA THE
AOYAMA
CLOTHING
STORE...





WOW,
THAT'S
HIGH!
I CAN'T
AFFORD
THIS!



LET'S
CHECK
THE STOCK
PRICE OF
AOYAMA
TRADING
COMPANY...



BUT
THAT MIGHT
ALSO MEAN
THEY'RE
REALLY
GROWING...



AM I
THAT
STUPID?

...

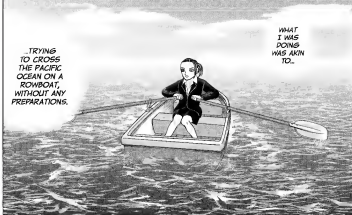


I WAS
LOOKING
FOR JOBS
WITHOUT
KNOWING
ANYTHING...

WHAT
WAS I
THINKING?

...TRYING
TO CROSS
THE PACIFIC
OCEAN ON A
ROWBOAT,
WITHOUT ANY
PREPARATIONS.

WHAT
I WAS
DOING
WAS A-KIN
TO...



...AND
THEN I
WOULD
HAVE DIED
FOR
SURE!

I MIGHT
HAVE
GOTTEN
CAPSIZED
AT ANY
TIME...





I THINK
IT WOULD
BE VERY
USEFUL IN
HELPING
YOU
RESEARCH
BUSINESSES.



JOB-
HUNTING
IS AN
INVESTMENT
OF YOUR
LIFE.



...AN
INVESTMENT
OF MY LIFE!

JOB-
HUNTING
IS...



THEN I'LL BE
PREPARED TO
COMMIT TO A
DECISION!

IN ORDER
TO MAKE THAT
INVESTMENT,
I MUST FIRST
RESEARCH
METICULOUSLY.



I WILL
DEFINITELY
SUCCEED IN
THE INVESTMENT
OF MY LIFE!



I'M NOT
GOING TO
BE LIKE
OTHERS
AROUND
ME ARE,
UNAWARE.



I'M GOING TO
JOB-HUNT BY
MAKING BEST
USE OF MY
PERSONALITY,
USING MY OWN
METHOD.



I'M NOT
GOING TO BE
NEGLECTFUL!
I'M NOT GOING
TO GIVE UP!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER



OH,
HELLO.

ZAIGEN-
KUN.



HOW HAS
EVERYTHING
BEEN
GOING?

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH.

THEY
SAID TO
DEPOSIT
THE
DIVESTMENT
OF 15
BILLION
YEN INTO
A BANK
ACCOUNT.

I WAS
CONTACTED
BY THE
FUJITA
FAMILY.



WHAT
THE MASTER
TOLD ME
TO DO...



KEEP
A DETAILED
CHECK ON THAT
BOY, WHATEVER
HE DOES AND
DOESN'T DO.
REPORT TO ME
ABOUT EVERY
SINGLE THING.



ZAIZEN
TAKASHI

I WANT
YOU TO
LOOK INTO
HIS FAMILY,
AS WELL.



YES,
SIR.

THERE MUST
BE SOME DEEP
REASON
BEHIND IT.



CLEARLY
THERE'S
SOMETHING
SERIOUS
GOING ON.
WHY IS THE
MASTER SO
INTERESTED
IN ZAIZEN-
KUN?



THEY ARE
A TREASURY
OF
BUSINESS-
TO-
BUSINESS
RELATION-
SHIPS.



SCIENTIFIC
BUSINESSES
HAVE AN
INCREDIBLE
NUMBER OF
CONNECTIONS
TO OTHER
INDUSTRIES,
WITHIN A VAST
RANGE.

...AND
EARN AN
AMAZING
RETURN!
JUST
WATCH!

I'M
GOING TO
RESEARCH
THOROUGHLY,
INVEST IN
TONS OF
THEM...

LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

I
SEE...



THERE'S
SOMETHING
UNNERVING
ABOUT IT.

THAT
LOOK
ZAIZEN
HAD...

HE'S A
TOTAL
GONER.

YEAH.

WELL, HE'S
SHOULDERED
AN IMPOSSIBLE
BURDEN.
SELLING ALL
THE TREASURES
IN THE SAFE,
PROCLAIMING
HE'LL SINK
THE FUNDS IN
VENTURE
BUSINESSES...

I WONDER
IF HE'S
MENTALLY
OFF
BALANCE.

WE
CAN'T
LET HIM
BURN
US ALL
WITH HIS
ACTIONS.

IF THAT
HAPPENS,
WE'LL HAVE
TO TAKE
AWAY HIS
CAPITAL AND
DISCIPLINE
HIM.

I
HOPE HE
DOESN'T
LOSE
CONTROL
LIKE A
RUNAWAY
TRAIN.

I'M
QUITE
WORRIED
ABOUT
HIM.





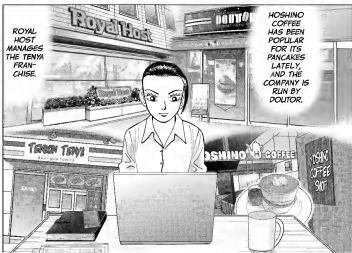
MY
SISTER IS
SUDDENLY
ENERGIZED
AND
RESEARCHING
INDUSTRIES.

MAYBE SHE
LISTENED TO
MY ADVICE
AND BOUGHT
STOCKS
WITHOUT
TELLING ME.



ROYAL
HOST
MANAGES
THE TENYA
FRAN-
CHISE.

HOSHINO
COFFEE
HAS BEEN
POPULAR
FOR ITS
PANCAKES
LATELY,
AND THE
COMPANY IS
RUN BY
DOCTOR.



THEY EVEN
MANAGE
RICHMOND
HOTELS!

Richmond Hotels

THEY
MANAGE FAMILY
RESTAURANTS,
THEY'RE IN THE
FAST-SERVICE
AREAS AT
AIRPORTS, THEY'RE
INVOLVED IN
CONTRACTING
BUSINESS
FOR FOOD
ESTABLISHMENTS,
THEY MAKE
AIRLINE
FOODS...

I'M
LEARNING
ALL KINDS OF
THINGS ABOUT
DIFFERENT
BUSINESSES.
THIS IS REALLY
GOOD!

THIS
RESEARCH
IS FUN.

I'M
BUYING
ROYAL
HOST!

I'LL THINK
OF MY 200,000
YEN SAVINGS AS
PAYMENT FOR
A SEMINAR.

ALL
RIGHT...
I'M
GOING
TO BE
BRAVE
AND BUY
STOCKS.

ROYAL
HOST:
I CAN
AFFORD
THIS
ONE...











...BUYING
RECRUIT.

I AM...



HUH...?



...I'M
GOING TO
BUY THEIR
SHARES IN
LARGE
QUANTITY.

WHEN
THE PRICE
REACHES
THE LOWEST
POINT
TOMORROW...











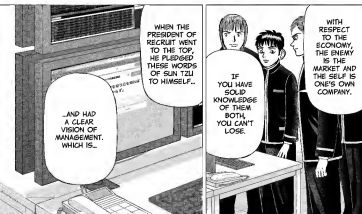


Representative of Recruit



Following

Sun Tzu says: "If you know them and know yourself, you will not be imperiled in a hundred battles."

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...NOT
TO
DO?

WHAT...



...DECIDING
WHAT NOT
TO DO.



THEN
THEY
EXPANDED
TO A LIFE
CYCLE
BUSINESS.

RIGHT.



RECRUIT
STARTED
OFF WITH AS
EMPLOYMENT
INFORMATION
MAGAZINE,
RIGHT?



...EDUCATION,
CHANGING
JOBS,
MARRIAGE,
HOMES.

THEY
FOCUSED
ON LIFE
EVENTS,
SUCH
AS...



WHEN THE
COMPANY GREW
BIG AND THEIR
BUSINESS TOOK
ON MANY FACETS,
THEY EXTENDED
INTO DIRECTIONS
BEYOND THEIR
ORIGINAL SPHERE,
INCLUDING
ENTERTAINMENT
MEDIA.

BUT MEDIA
FACTORY'S
MAIN
BUSINESS IS
PUBLICATION.



IN THE
PROCESS, HE
DECIDED TO
SELL MEDIA
FACTORY.

THIS NEW
PRESIDENT
TOOK THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO CLEAN UP THE
BUSINESS, AND
DISTINGUISHED
WHAT HE WAS
GOING TO DO,
AND WHAT NOT
TO DO.



THAT
DECISION
WAS WHAT HE
EXPRESSED IN
THE TWEET
THREE
MONTHS
AGO!

THAT WAY,
THEY CAN
SPECIALIZE
IN FIELDS
WHERE THEY
OVERWHELMINGLY
DOMINATE
OTHER
COMPANIES.





YOU
MEAN I
SHOULDN'T
SELL?



...NABE-
SAN...

WHICH
MEANS...



IT'LL
DEFINITELY
DROP IN
VALUE
TOMORROW
MORNING.

THAT'S
TRUE.



...THE
VALUE
WILL RISE
IN SIX
MONTHS.

ONCE
PEOPLE SEE
THERE'S NO
INSTABILITY IN
THEIR MAIN
BUSINESS, AND
FIGURE OUT
THE REAL
REASON
WHY THEY
SOLD...



SELL,
THEN BUY
AGAIN AT
A LOW
PRICE.

NO,
THAT'S
NOT
IT!



I'LL
MAKE A
LOT TOO,
SO IT'S
HOORAH
FOR US
BOTH!



AND THEN,
NABE-SAN,
YOU'LL
YIELD A
HIGHER
PROFIT
THAN EVER
BEFORE.





WILL
DO!



IF
YOU'RE
THAT
CONFIDENT,
GIVE
IT ALL
YOU'VE
GOT.



...HE
EXTRAPOLATED
A VIABLE
THEORY...



FROM
JUST A
SINGLE
TWEET...



...REALLY
NOT LIKE
US.

THIS
GUY
IS...



THERE'S
SOMETHING
SCARY
ABOUT
HIM.

NOT
JUST
THAT...









TRIED
TO DO...
EVERYTHING?

BECAUSE
YOU TRIED
TO DO
EVERYTHING.



STEVE
JOBS?

THE LATE
STEVE
JOBS
SAID THIS
ONCE...



"...DECIDING
WHAT
TO DO."

"DECIDING
WHAT NOT
TO DO IS AS
IMPORTANT
AS..."



SEVER...
AND LET
GO?

TO
MAKE A
DECISION IS
TO "SEVER
AND LET
GO."

HAYASHI-
KUN...



...YOU DON'T
DO WHAT
OUGHT NOT
BE DONE,
YOU'VE
CHOSEN TO
SEVER AND
LET GO.

WHEN YOU
ACCOMPLISH
SOMETHING,
WHEN YOU
SUCCEED...



IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE TO
DO EVERYTHING
PERFECTLY, SO
YOU'LL HAVE TO
COMPROMISE
SOMEWHERE.
THAT'S WHEN
FAILURE
ASSUREDLY
HAPPENS.

IF YOU KEEP
ADDING MORE
THINGS TO DO
AND SHOULDER
THEM ALL, IT'S
BECAUSE YOU
CAN'T DECIDE.

THAT'S WHY
THE REVERSE
RESULT
HAPPENED:
YOU BECAME A
HALF-BAKED,
WEAK PLAYER IN
COMPETITION.

IN TERMS
OF TENNIS,
YOU TRIED
TO BECOME
GOOD AT
EVERYTHING:
SERVING,
RECEIVING,
FORWARD,
BACKHAND...

...YOU
WILL NEVER
LOSE THE
GAME, AND
YOU WILL
NEVER
COMPROMISE.

BUT
IF YOU
FOCUS
ON JUST
ONE
THING...

I'M
GOING TO
CONTINUE
LEARNING
TENNIS.
I'LL DO
MY BEST.

I SEE
NOW.

...THAT
SHOULD
BE
ENOUGH.
DON'T YOU
THINK?

AS
LONG AS
YOU ARE
RESOLUTE
IN ONE
THING...







WE LIVE
IN AN OLD
WOOD-BUILT
APARTMENT,
TWO ROOMS
THE SIZE
OF 270 X
360 CM.

MY MOM
IS JUST A
REGULAR
WOMAN,
WORKING
PART-TIME.

COMPARED
TO YOUR
HOUSE,
MIYUKI-
CHAN.

NO,
IT'S
NOT.

IT'S SO
EMBAR-
RASSING.



LET'S
ALL DO
OUR
BEST.

SAKURA-
CHAN'S MOM
IS JOINING
US TOO, SO
IT'S GOING
TO BE FUN.



YOU'LL BE
RICH IN THE
FUTURE. IT
DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
YOU LIVE
NOW.



I HOPE
YOU VIEW
IT THAT
WAY.



THANKS
FOR
HAVING
US
OVER!

WELCOME!



THANK
YOU FOR
HAVING
US
OVER.

PLEASE
COME IN.
IT'S A
LITTLE
CRAMPED,
BUT...



I'M
MACHIDA.

I'M
FUJITA.

UM...
THESE ARE
FUJITA
MIYUKI-SAN
AND
MACHIDA
NORIKO-
SAN.



NICE
TO MEET
YOU.

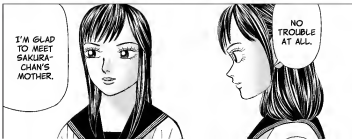
AND I'M
SAKURA'S
MOTHER.



BUT WHEN SHE TOLD ME MORE ABOUT IT...



AND NOW, BEFORE I KNEW IT...



NO TROUBLE AT ALL.



WE'VE BEEN
TALKING ABOUT
RESEARCHING
BUSINESSES
WITH RESPECT
TO A CHECKLIST
ABOUT WOMEN.

I
WANTED
MY MOM
TO BE
ABLE TO
SIT IN
AND
LISTEN.



...ARE
KNOWN AS
NADESHIKO
STOCKS.

STOCKS FOR
BUSINESSES
THAT HAVE
ENVIRONMENTS
WHERE WOMEN
ARE ACTIVE...

Note: Yamato Nadeshiko: a term for the idealized Japanese woman



...WHEN WE
INVESTIGATED
WHAT THAT
ENTAILED...

BUT...



WHERE
WOMEN
ARE
ACTIVE?



THE
TOKYO STOCK
EXCHANGE AND
THE MINISTRY
OF ECONOMY,
TRADE, AND
INDUSTRY
SELECTED
THOSE STOCKS
BY LOOKING
AT THE NUMBER
OF FEMALE
EMPLOYEES,
ETC.

THAT'S
RIGHT.





NO...
I NEVER
HAVE.

HAVE
YOU
EVER
MET
HIM?



I
THOUGHT
HE MIGHT
BE!

THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT!



SO THAT'S
UNDERSTANDABLE.
YOU KNOW,
WHEN I WAS A
STUDENT, I READ
A LOT OF YOUR
GRANDFATHER'S
DISCOURSES.



I HEARD
HE WAS IN
CHILE FOR
A LONG
TIME.
HE WAS
ALSO
QUITE
OLD.



S-SURE.

ZAIZEN...
IT'S
GOOD
TO
KNOW
YOU.



TH...
THANK
YOU.

MY
CONDO-
LENCES
FOR HIS
PASSING.



IT'S AN
HONOR.

SO I'M
NOW THE
HOMEROOM
TEACHER
OF MY
TEACHER'S
GRANDSON..



MY HOMEROOM
TEACHER ADMIRERD
MY GRANDFATHER...
PEOPLE ARE
CONNECTED IN
UNUSUAL WAYS.



...THAT WE
SIBLINGS
MUST
NEVER
GO TO
HOKKAIDO.

OUR
PARENTS AND
RELATIVES
HAVE TOLD US
STRICTLY,
EVER SINCE
WE WERE
LITTLE...



SO MY
GRANDFATHER
TOLD HIM
HE MUSTN'T
GO TO
HOKKAIDO?

MY UNCLE
KAZUYOSHI'S
FATHER
WAS ZAIZEN
KONOSUKE.



THERE'S
GOT TO BE
SOME KIND OF
CONNECTION
BETWEEN MY
GRANDFATHER
AND HOKKAIDO.



WHY
WOULD MY
GRANDFATHER
SAY THAT?

BUT WHY...



...AND THEY
ALL SEEM TO
BE PLACES
THAT ARE
EASIER FOR
WOMEN TO
WORK IN.

THE
DOZENS OF
NADESHIKO
BRANDS THEY
SELECTED ARE
ALL RISING
IN STOCK
VALUE.



BECAUSE
ONLY 9% OF THE
TOTAL EMPLOYEES
ARE WOMEN, AND
THE LIST EVEN
INCLUDES STEEL
INDUSTRIES IN
WHICH ONLY 1.3%
OF WOMEN ARE
IN MANAGERIAL
POSITIONS.

...BUT IT'S
VAGUE
WHETHER
THEY ARE
COMPANIES
WHERE
WOMEN
ARE TRULY
ACTIVE.



I HATE
TO RAIN
ON YOUR
PARADE,
BUT...



LOOKING
AT THIS
LIST,
THERE'S
NO WAY
TO TELL
WHERE
WOMEN ARE
REALLY
ACTIVE.

IT'S
MEANINGLESS
BECAUSE
THERE'S ONE
COMPANY
SELECTED FOR EACH
INDUSTRY!
FOOD,
MEDICINE,
WHATEVER.



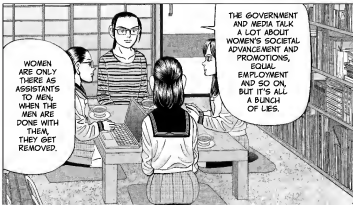
WHAT?



COMPANIES
WHERE
WOMEN ARE
ACTIVE?



NOT
A SINGLE
ONE
EXISTS IN
JAPAN.



WOMEN
ARE ONLY
THERE AS
ASSISTANTS
TO MEN;
WHEN THE
MEN ARE
DONE WITH
THEM,
THEY GET
REMOVED.

THE GOVERNMENT
AND MEDIA TALK
A LOT ABOUT
WOMEN'S SOCIETAL
ADVANCEMENT AND
PROMOTIONS,
EQUAL
EMPLOYMENT
AND SO ON,
BUT IT'S ALL
A BUNCH
OF LIES.



...SPEAK
FROM
PERSONAL
EXPERI-
ENCE.

I...



I HAD
NO DOUBT
THAT IT WAS
A NORMAL
AND HAPPY
WAY FOR A
WOMAN TO
LIVE.

I GOT HIRED BY A
MAJOR ELECTRICAL
APPLIANCE MAKER
AFTER I GRADUATED
FROM COLLEGE.
I MARRIED A
COWORKER, SO
I QUIT MY JOB
AND HAD MY
DAUGHTER.



MY HUSBAND
GOT LAID OFF.
HE APPLIED
FOR OTHER
WORK, BUT WAS
CONTINUOUSLY
TURNED DOWN.
SO I DECIDED
TO GO FIND
A JOB.

SOON
AFTER THAT,
MY HUSBAND'S
COMPANY HIT
THE SKIDS AND
HAD A MASSIVE
LAYOFF.



...IN A
MOST
PAINFUL
WAY.



THAT'S
WHEN I
LEARNED
THE
FACTS...

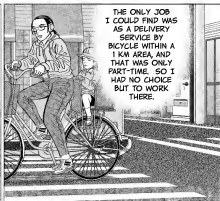


I FOUND
OUT THAT
A WOMAN
CARRYING AN
INFANT ON HER
BACK CANNOT
COMMUTE TO
WORK BY
TRAIN.

I LEARNED
THAT WOMEN
PAST THE AGE
OF 40 CANNOT
FIND WORK
IN THIS
COUNTRY.



EVENTUALLY
MY HUSBAND
BECAME
ANGRY, AND
WE DIVORCED.
SO I HAD NO
CHOICE BUT
TO DO
MY BEST,
TOGETHER
WITH MY
DAUGHTER.




THE ONLY JOB
I COULD FIND WAS
AS A DELIVERY
SERVICE BY
BICYCLE WITHIN A
1 KM AREA, AND
THAT WAS ONLY
PART-TIME. SO I
HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO WORK
THERE.



I WANT HER TO BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION SO SHE CAN MAKE A LIVING, EVEN AS A WOMAN ALL ALONE.

I DON'T WANT MY DAUGHTER, SAKURA-CHAN, TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES I DID.



ALSO, IN ORDER TO ATTAIN HIGH-LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS, YOU MUST HAVE A SOLID EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND. THAT'S WHY I SENT HER TO KEIIN.



THE ONLY GUARANTEE OF HIGH SOCIOECONOMIC POSITIONS FOR WOMEN ARE AS DOCTORS, BUREAUCRATS, AND JUDGES IN COURT... NOT LAWYERS, ONLY JUDGES.



IN THESE TIMES, WOMEN HAVE TO GRASP THEIR OWN BRASS RINGS, AND CARVE OUT THEIR OWN PATHS!

WE CAN'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY.





BUT IT'S
NOT JUST
JAPAN.



...JAPAN IS
A PATRI-
ARCHAL
SOCIETY.

WELL...



AMERICA
HAS THE
ILLUSION OF
DYNAMICALLY
ACTIVE
WOMEN, BUT
THAT'S ALL
IT IS.

IN
AMERICA'S
TOP 500
COMPANIES, ONLY
4% OF THEM HAVE
WOMEN CEOs,
14% HAVE
HIGH-LEVEL
EXECUTIVES,
AND 17% HAVE
WOMEN IN
MANAGERIAL
POSITIONS.



THAT'S
ONLY 12%
IN TERMS OF
WOMEN IN
MANAGERIAL
POSITIONS,
OUT OF ALL
PROGRESSIVE
COUNTRIES,
JAPAN IS
AT ROCK
BOTTOM.

JAPAN IS
EVEN MORE
PATHETIC.
OUT OF A
TOTAL OF 41,973
EMPLOYEES
IN 3,608 STOCK
CORPORATIONS,
ONLY 515 ARE
WOMEN.





..ENTERING A
SINGLE VOTE
TOWARD ITS
MANAGEMENT.

BUYING A
COMPANY'S
SHARES IS
LIKE...



IF WE DO
THAT, MAYBE
THE RESULTS
WILL SLOWLY
BEGIN TO
SHOW.

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
WE CAN
THOROUGHLY
ELIMINATE
INVESTMENTS
IN ALL
COMPANIES
THAT
OFFEND US.



OH, IT'S
NOTHING.

WOW,
MOM!
THAT'S
GREAT!



I SEE. IF WE
EXPOSE THE
MEN-ONLY
BUSINESSES,
WE MIGHT BE
ABLE FIND
COMPANIES IN
WHICH WOMEN
ARE ACTIVE.





THE
HISTORY
OF DOJUKU
GAKUEN'S
INVESTMENT
CLUB.



WHAT
ARE YOU
RESEARCH-
ING?



THE
HISTORY
OF DOJUKU
GAKUEN'S
INVESTMENT
CLUB?



SO I
THOUGHT I'D
GO ALL THE WAY
BACK TO THE
MEIJI PERIOD AT
THE TIME OF THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB'S INCEPTION,
AND DO SOME
THOROUGH
RESEARCH.



YES. I HEARD
THERE WAS
SOME MATERIAL
FROM THE
EARLY SHOWA
PERIOD AND THE
RESTORATION
PERIOD AFTER
THE WAR.

IF I
RESEARCH
ALL THE
INVESTMENT
RECORDS
HERE...

...EVERYTHING
ABOUT THE
HISTORY
OF JAPAN'S
ECONOMY
WILL
BECOME
CLEAR.



HOW
DID JAPAN
SUSTAIN ITS
ECONOMY?
I WANT
TO KNOW
THE TRUTH
BEHIND IT.

MEIJI...
TAISHO...
SHOWA...
HEISEI...



YES.
I'M
AWARE
OF
THAT.

OH.
COPYING
THAT
MATERIAL
IS
PROHIBITED.

I SEE.
I'LL BE
GOING
NOW.



THE NEXT IS
FROM THE
FOLLOWING
YEAR, 1904...



THE OLDEST
EXTANT RECORD
IS FROM 1903...



"37TH YEAR OF
THE MEIJI PERIOD.
FEBRUARY 10. THE
RUSSO-JAPANESE
WAR HAS BEGUN.
IT IS A FAVORABLE
TIME FOR STOCK
INVESTMENTS DUE
TO ACTIVE MILITARY
DEMANDS..."

"IT IS A
FAVORABLE
TIME FOR
STOCK
INVESTMENTS
DUE TO
ACTIVE
MILITARY
DEMANDS."

明治三十七年二月十日
日露戦争開戦セリ
軍事需要活況
株式投資
好機ナリ

"37TH
YEAR OF
THE MEIJI
PERIOD,
FEBRUARY 10.
THE RUSSO-
JAPANESE
WAR HAS
BEGUN."



History of the Russo-Japanese
War has begun. It is a favorable
time for stock investments due
to active military demands.

The following stocks
Tokyo Mappin
Japan Cement Co. Ltd.
Kumagai Iron
Asahi Cement
Kumagai Textiles
Mitsubishi Bank
Japan Beer Distillery

THE RECORD
OF DOJUKU
GAKUEN'S
INVESTMENT
CLUB BEGINS
WITH THIS
PAGE.

...THE
STUDENT
WHO WROTE
THIS WAS THE
CAPTAIN OF
THE FIRST
GENERATION
INVESTMENT
CLUB!

THAT
MEANS...





ZAIZEN-KUN,
HE SEEMS TO
HAVE SOME
GOAL BEHIND
RESEARCHING
THE HISTORY
OF THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB.



I'LL
DO
SO.

WHEN
THIS STOCK
GOES UP 3%,
PLEASE
SELL ALL
SHARES AT
TOMORROW'S
MARKET
OPENING.



YES?

ZEN-
SAN.



HAVE YOU
NOTICED
ANYTHING
UNUSUAL
ABOUT
ZAIZEN-KUN
LATELY?



YES?



OH!
REN-
KUN.

IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME...



HE DID
MENTION AN
UNCLE WHO
CAME TO VISIT
HIS HOME. HE
HAD NO IDEA
THAT UNCLE
EVEN EXISTED
TILL THEN.

OH,
YES.



NO... NOT
REALLY.

SOME-
THING
UNUSUAL
ABOUT
ZAIZEN?



HIS OWN
UNCLE?

DIDNT
EVEN
KNOW HE
EXISTED...



WHY
DO YOU
ASK?



HE SAID
HE WAS
SURPRISED
BY THE
SUDDEN,
UNANNOUNCED
VISIT.

YES,
I HEAR IT
WAS HIS
FATHER'S
OLDER
BROTHER.



OH, NO
REASON.
THANKS.

DURING
THE EARLY
DAYS OF
DOJUKU
GAKUEN,
INVESTMENTS
WERE MADE
BY SEVERAL
CLERKS WHO
WERE SENT
FROM THE
FUJITA CLAN.



THEN THIS
PERSON,
THE MATH
GENIUS,
JOINED
THEIR
RANKS.



"JAPAN
COURIER SHIPS:
1,500 SHARES.
KANSAI STEEL:
1,300 SHARES.
ASANO CEMENT:
1,600 SHARES.
KURASHIKI
TEXTILES:
500 SHARES.
HOKKAIDO HEMP:
1,500 SHARES.
JAPAN BEER
DISTILLERY:
1,000 SHARES."



THAT WAS
THE TIME WHEN
THE RUSSO-
JAPANESE WAR
BEGAN.



AND THE
VERY FIRST
INVESTMENTS
THE FIRST-
GENERATION
CAPTAIN MADE
WERE:

"BASED ON GRADUALLY GARNERED INFORMATION, WHEN THE WAR SITUATION BECOMES FAVORABLE FOR PROFIT, WE MUST BUY SHARES OF JAPAN BEER DISTILLERY."

"AT THE OUTSET OF THE WAR, BEER EXPENDITURES WILL INCREASE GREATLY."

WOW... THEY WERE ALREADY IN BUSINESS AT THE TIME OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

JAPAN BEER... THAT MUST BE THE PREDECESSOR OF SAPPORO BEER.

HE SURE WAS SMART.

HE PREDICTED THAT BEER SALES WOULD RISE IF NEWS OF VICTORY AT WAR SPREAD.

TODAY'S FAMOUS CORPORATIONS SUCH AS TOKYO GAS, DAINIHON PRINTERS, TOSHIBA... ALL OF THEM HAD PREDECESSORS DURING THAT TIME.

THEN HE BOUGHT A BUNCH AFTER THIS.



ZAIZEN'S HOME ROOM TEACHER
TOMOKATA KEIICHIRO (SCIENCE)



THAT
ZAIZEN, IN MY
CLASS... HIS
GRANDFATHER
WAS A FAMOUS
PHYSICIST.



I SEE!

ZAIZEN'S SOCIOLOGY TEACHER
NONOMURA MINORU

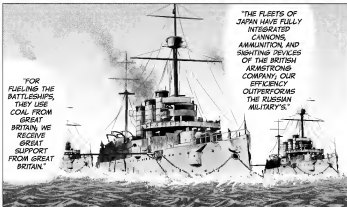


HE
PASSED
AWAY
LAST
MONTH.



HIS NAME
IS ZAIZEN
KONOSUKE.
HE WAS
RESEARCHING
EARTHQUAKES
FOR A LONG
TIME IN
CHILE.







"GREAT
BRITAIN IS RIDING
THE COATTAILS
OF THE RUSSO-
JAPANESE WAR
AND YIELDING AN
ENORMOUS PROFIT,
WHICH IS VERY
INTELLIGENT AND
CUNNING OF THEM."

"A
TELEGRAPH
WAS SENT
TO RESIDENT
OFFICERS IN
LONDON,
REGARDING
PLAN OF
PURCHASING
BONDS OF
BRITISH-POUND
LOANS..."



WOW..
THIS MAN
TRULY WAS
AMAZING.



I SEE..
SO IT WAS
TRUE THAT
THE RUSSO-
JAPANESE
WAR WAS
WON BECAUSE
OF BRITISH
BACKING



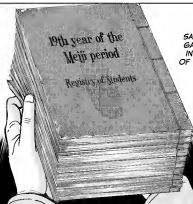
HOW
OLD
WAS HE
WHEN HE
WROTE
THIS?

WAIT A
SECOND..
HOW OLD
WAS HE?

5th year of the Meiji
period Investments



...IT ACTUALLY
BEGAN FOUR
YEARS PRIOR
TO THAT, FOR
CHILDREN OF
EMPLOYEES
OF THE FUJITA
COMMERCE
COMPANY.



THOUGH IT IS
SAID THAT DOJUKU
GAKUEN WAS BUILT
IN THE 23RD YEAR
OF THE MEIJI PERIOD,
IN 1890.

MAYBE
A PERSON
CONNECTED TO
ZAIZEN-KLIN'S
FAMILY TREE
EXISTS HERE...



I CAN SEE
WHO THE
REGISTERED
STUDENTS
WERE IN THE
FIRST TERM'S
RECORD OF
THE 18TH YEAR
OF THE MEIJI
PERIOD.



36th year of the
Meiji period.

Registry of Students

36TH YEAR
OF THE
MEIJI
PERIOD,
REGISTRY
OF
STUDENTS.





HERE
HE IS...
ZAIZEN
RYUGORO.

ZAIZEN
RYUGORO



HE
WAS 12
YEARS
OLD.

BORN
IN THE
24TH
YEAR OF
THE MEIJI
PERIOD.
JULY
20TH.



THAT MEANS
THAT HE JOINED
THEM SHORTLY
AFTER STARTING
SCHOOL; WITHIN
A YEAR, HE
WAS ALREADY
MAKING
INVESTMENTS
WITH THE
CLERKS.

IT WAS THE
36TH YEAR OF
MEIJI WHEN A
STUDENT
PARTICIPATED
IN THE
SCHOOL'S
INVEST-
MENTS.



IT MATCHES
THE RECORDS
PERFECTLY...



THE RECORD
OF THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB STARTS
WITH THE
BEGINNING OF
THE RUSSO-
JAPANESE WAR,
THE 37TH YEAR
OF THE MEIJI
PERIOD.



THIS MAN WAS
SCOUTED BY THE
CLERKS, WHICH
MEANS HE MUST
HAVE HAD AN
IMPRESSIVE
TRACK RECORD IN
INVESTING.



OH, YES,
THE FIRST
SINO-JAPANESE
WAR.



LET'S SEE...
BEFORE
THE RUSSO-
JAPANESE
WAR WOULD
BE...



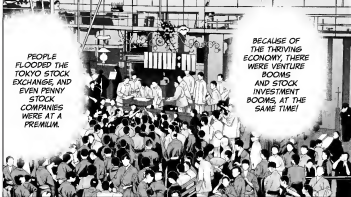
JAPAN
AND CHINA
STARTED
THE WAR
IN THE
27TH
YEAR OF
MEIJI.

THEN JAPAN
WAS PAID
TRIPLE THE
NATIONAL
REVENUE FOR
REPARATIONS,
AND THE
ECONOMY
REVIVED.



THEY WON
THE WAR BY
WAR FUNDS
WHICH WERE
DOUBLE THE
AMOUNT OF
NATIONAL
REVENUE.





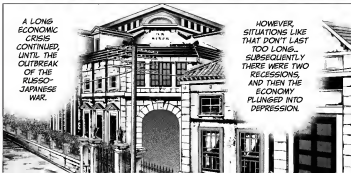
PEOPLE
FLOODED THE
TOKYO STOCK
EXCHANGE, AND
EVEN PENNY
STOCK
COMPANIES
WERE AT A
PREMIUM.

BECAUSE OF
THE THRIVING
ECONOMY, THERE
WERE VENTURE
BOOMS
AND STOCK
INVESTMENT
BOOMS, AT THE
SAME TIME!



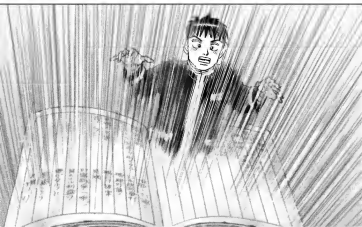
YAWATA
STEEL WORKS
AND KYOTO
UNIVERSITY
WERE BUILT
USING THE
REPARATIONS
FUND FROM
THE SINO-
JAPANESE
WAR.

THERE WERE 2,800
COMPANIES AT THE
TIME THE WAR BROKE
OUT, IN A MATTER
OF TWO YEARS, IT
DOUBLED TO 5,900
COMPANIES, WHICH
SPEAKS TO THE
AMAZING ECONOMIC
BOOM AT THE
TIME.



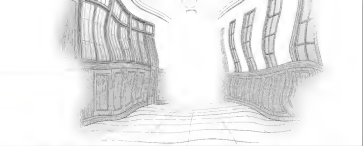
A LONG
ECONOMIC
CRISIS
CONTINUED,
UNTIL THE
OUTBREAK
OF THE
RUSSO-
JAPANESE
WAR.

HOWEVER,
SITUATIONS LIKE
THAT DON'T LAST
TOO LONG.
SUBSEQUENTLY
THERE WERE TWO
RECESSIONS,
AND THEN THE
ECONOMY
PLUNGED INTO
DEPRESSION.





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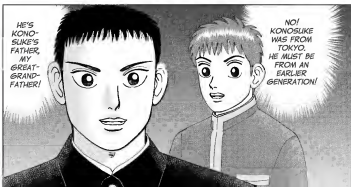




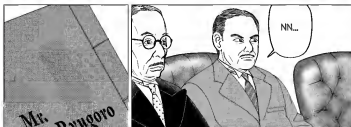


AND
THIS PLACE
LOOKS LIKE
THE DOJUKU
DORM.

ZA.
ZAIZEN?
THIS GUY'S
CALLED
ZAIZEN?

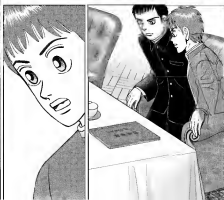






Mr.
Zaizen Ryugoro

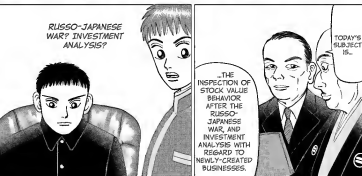
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...RYUGORO!

ZAIZEN...



RUSSO-JAPANESE
WAR? INVESTMENT
ANALYSIS?

...THE
INSPECTION OF
STOCK VALUE
BEHAVIOR
AFTER THE
RUSSO-
JAPANESE
WAR, AND
INVESTMENT
ANALYSIS WITH
REGARD TO
NEWLY-CREATED
BUSINESSES.

TODAY'S
SUBJECT
IS...



IF SO,
THEN THIS
MUST BE...

ARE THESE
PEOPLE THE
CLERKS OF
THE FUJITA
CLAN?



THERE'S
ONLY ONE
STUDENT
AMONG
THEM. DOES
THAT MEAN
HE'S THE
MATH-
GENIUS
KID?

COULD IT
BE? THIS IS
INCREDIBLE!



AND HE'S
MY GREAT-
GRANDFATHER,
ZAIZEN
RYUGORO!



...IN THE
MEIJI
PERIOD!

...AN
INVESTMENT
CONFERENCE
OF DOJUKU.





WE
COULD
PROBABLY
ACQUIRE
ABOUT 100
SHARES
OR SO.

I HEAR
THE
COMPETI-
TION IS
UP PAST
1,000.



HOW
MANY
DO YOU
THINK WE
COULD
ACQUIRE?



NOT TO
MENTION, THE
GENERAL
PUBLIC HAS
GOTTEN
ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT
INVESTMENTS
LATELY.



THE
MARKET
VALUE WILL
JUST KEEP
RISING; THE
SOUTH
MANCHURIA
RAILWAY
COMPANY
WILL
HAVE NO
CEILING.

THE
PLUTO-
CRATS ARE
LOOKING
TO BUY
MASSIVE
QUANTITIES.

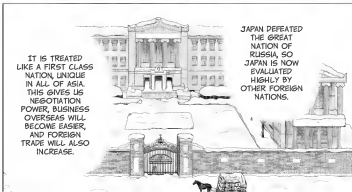


I SAW AN
ARTICLE
IN THE
NEWSPAPER
THAT SAID
THIS!



"...CATS,
AND EVEN
WOODEN
LADLES ARE
STAINED BY
THE STOCK
MARKET!"

"POLITICIANS,
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS,
SCHOLARS,
MONKS..."







A
KAPPA
FART?



...IS A
KAPPA'S
FART.

ALL
YOU'RE
SEEING...



IT'S A
KAPPA
FART.



YOU'RE ALL
LAUGHING
YOUR HEADS
OFF, ROLLING
AROUND
LAUGHING.

YOU'RE
SEEING
BUBBLES
RISE TO THE
SURFACE
OF THE
WATER, AND
SHRIEKING
THAT A
KAPPA JUST
FARTED.



IT'S
LIKE I
JUST
SAID.



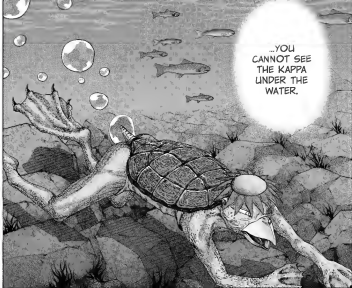
WH-
WHAT?

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?



BUT...

YOU'RE
ALL
LOOKING
AT THE
BUBBLES.



..WHAT
ARE THE
CALCULATIONS
INVOLVED WITH
RESPECT TO
THE WAR?

BUT...

SURE.

IT'S
ONLY
NATURAL
TO FEEL
ELATED
ABOUT
THE WAR
BEING
WON.

ACCORDING
TO THE
TOYO KEIZAI
SHINPO
MAGAZINE...

..WAR
EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
RUSSO-
JAPANESE
WAR WERE 1
BILLION 720
MILLION YEN.
THAT IS EIGHT
TIMES THE
TOTAL OF
THE SINO-
JAPANESE
WAR.

80% OF IT IS
COVERED BY
GOVERNMENT
BONDS, IN
OTHER WORDS,
OUR COUNTRY
HAS PURCHASED
VICTORY BY
MEANS OF
AN ENORMOUS
LOAN.

Russo-
Japanese
War
1 billion
720 million
yen



THEY
THOUGHT
THAT IF THEY
WON THE WAR,
THEY'D BE PAID
RESTITUTION
LIKE IN THE
SINO-JAPANESE
WAR, BUT THEY
DIDN'T GET A
PENNY.

THERE WAS
AN ENORMOUS
ISSUING OF
GOVERNMENT
BONDS IN FOREIGN
CURRENCY, SO THE
RUSSO-JAPANESE
WAR MIGHT AS
WELL HAVE BEEN
WON BY FOREIGN
CURRENCY.



IT'S AN
ASTONISHINGLY
COLOSSAL
DEBT THE
COUNTRY
IS IN.

GREAT
SACRIFICES
WERE MADE,
AND WHAT
THEY
ACQUIRED
WERE TWO
RAILS IN
MANCHURIA.



BUT
WHAT
MATTERS
IS THE
FACT
THAT WE
WON.

WE DON'T
NEED YOU
TO TELL US
THAT. WE
KNOW THAT
ALREADY.



THERE IS A
HUGE INFLUX OF
CASH TO THE
METROPOLITAN
AREAS NOW,
THANKS TO
A GREAT
LOOSENING OF
CASH FLOW.

BECAUSE
WE WON THE
WAR, JAPAN'S
TRUSTWORTHINESS
HAS GAINED
FOOTING; FOREIGN
NATIONS WILL
BE WILLING
TO MAKE
INVESTMENTS
NOW.



BUSINESSES
WILL PROFIT,
DIVIDENDS
WILL GET
HIGHER, AND
THESE IN
TURN WILL
RISE THE
MARKET
VALUES.



IF
STOCKS
GO UP,
MONEY
MOVES.

THAT
GIVES
RISE TO
RISING
STOCK
VALUES.



THE
ECONOMY
WILL GROW,
AND JAPAN
WILL BECOME A
PROSPEROUS
NATION..



THAT'S HOW
FAVORABLE
CYCLES ARE
BORN.



THAT KAPPA
THING HE
SAID, STRIKE
IT FROM THE
MINUTES
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS.

S-
SURE.



DEBTS
CAN BE
PAID BACK
AFTER THAT
HAPPENS.



SCREECH

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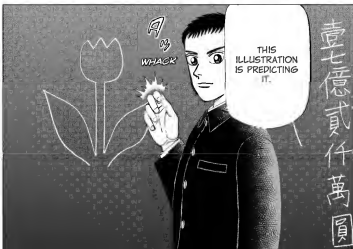
...THEY
WILL TAKE
A HUGE
PLUNGE.

YOU'RE
GOING
OVER-
BOARD.

ZAIZEN-
KUN.

STOCK
VALUES
WILL MOST
LIKELY RISE
TOWARD
THE END
OF THE
YEAR.

BUT
AROUND
THE NEW
YEAR...





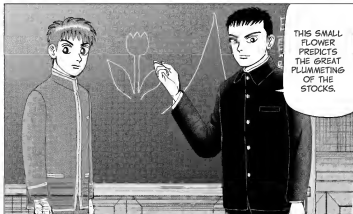
THAT'S
RIGHT...
IT'S A
TULIP.



A
TULIP?



WHAT'S
THAT A
DRAWING
OF?





WHAT'S THE
CONNECTION
BETWEEN
TULIPS AND
STOCKS?

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



...THERE WAS
EXTRAORDINARY
SPECULATION
OVER TULIP
BULBS.

ABOUT
170 YEARS
AGO, IN
1637, IN THE
NETHER-
LANDS...



...CAME TO
HAVE A PRICE
EQUIVALENT
TO THE TOTAL
PRICE FOR A
NEW CARRIAGE,
GREY HORSE,
AND SADDLE.

A SINGLE
BULB OF
ONLY A FEW
CENTIMETERS
IN SIZE...

WOW...
THEY JUST
HEARD
ABOUT IT
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...

...OF
COURSE
YOU
ARE ALL
FAMILIAR
WITH
THIS.

BUT
THEN...

YOU
DON'T
NEED
TO TELL
US. OF
COURSE
WE
KNOW.

OF... OF
COURSE.

THERE
IS ONLY ONE
REASON: THE
POPULARIZATION
OF
INVESTMENTS.

WHY THEN
DID THE
VALUE OF
THE TULIP
SKYROCKET?

日雨路戰爭
壹千億貳仟萬圓

YOU WERE
LAUGHING A
LITTLE WHILE
AGO ABOUT
CATS AND
WOODEN
LADLES BEING
STAINED BY
THE STOCK
MARKET.

HLH...

BECAUSE
OF BOOMING
PROSPERITY,
PEOPLE HAD
MONEY TO
SPARE, SO
EVEN THE
GENERAL PUBLIC
SOUGHT
MEANS OF
MONEY-
MAKING.



A VIRTUALLY
IDENTICAL
PHENOMENON
OCCURRED
IN THE
SEVENTEENTH
CENTURY
NETHERLANDS.



...AND
BURST.

THEN IT
PLUMMETED.



BULBS
WERE THE
OBJECT OF
INVESTMENT
IN THE
NETHERLANDS.

THEIR
VALUE
INCREASED
AND
INCREASED,
ONE
PURCHASE
LEADING TO
ANOTHER.



THE
SPECULATION
BECAME
OVERRIPE, AND
THE MARKET
EXPANDED WITH
DEALINGS
THAT WENT
WAY BEYOND
THE ORIGINAL
OBJECT.

IT KEPT
EXPANDING
TO ITS
LIMIT...



...THE BUBBLE
ECONOMY.



IT WAS
AS IF A
BUBBLE
EXPANDED,
POPPED, AND
VANISHED.

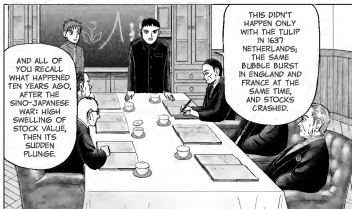


A
BUBBLE...



THAT'S
RIGHT. A
BUBBLE.

THAT'S
WHY I'M
PERSONALLY
CALLING
THIS...









HUH? HE
SIMPLY
CONCEDED.



I
GET
IT.

I
SEE...



IN
THAT CASE,
FOLLOWING
EVERYONE'S
OPINION, I
CONCEDE TO
BUYING.



INDEED.
YOU
WASTED
OUR
PRECIOUS
TIME.

YOU
SHOULD'VE
LISTENED
AND
AGREED IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.





„TOKYO'S
FUJITA
COMMERCE
OFFICE TO
"SELL."

I WILL
INFORM...



SELL?

WHAT?



THEN HIS
CONSENT
JUST NOW
WAS A
TOTAL
LIE?



I
KNOW THIS
HAPPENS
EVERY TIME,
BUT THANK
YOU
FOR YOUR
HELP.

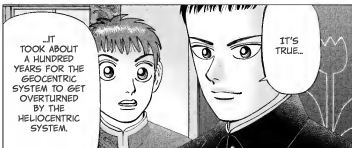


IF THE
RESULTS ARE
FAVORABLE,
THE
EXECUTIVES
OF THE MAIN
BRANCH WILL
PRETEND NOT
TO KNOW,
AND TAKE
FULL
CREDIT.

IT'S EASY
TO REWRITE
THE MINUTES
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS.









...AND
THERE
WERE NO
MORE LEFT
IN THE
WORLD.

IT WAS
BECAUSE
THE
BELIEVERS
OF GEO-
CENTRICISM
ALL DIED
OUT...



IN OTHER
WORDS, IF
THE OLD
DON'T DIE...

...THE NEW
WON'T BE
BORN.







THAT IS
BECAUSE I
CANNOT
ERASE A
DOUBT
I HAVE
REGARDING
THE
PURPOSE
OF MAKING
INVEST-
MENTS.



BY THE
WAY,
ZAIZEN.



WHAT
DOUBT IS
THAT?

I HAVE
EXPLAINED
THE BASICS
TO HARA-KUN,
BUT HE STILL
WILL NOT
CONSENT TO
JOIN THE
CLUB.



MY FATHER
TAUGHT ME
THAT MONEY
IS IMPURE, AND
THAT WE
MUSTN'T WANT
OR SEEK
IT FOR
OURSELVES.



I WAS
BORN TO A
FAMILY OF
NOBILITY.



...IS A
VULGAR AND
LOW-CLASS
ACTIVITY,
AND I FEEL
RESISTANCE
TO IT.

TO MAKE
MONEY
WITHOUT
WORKING BY
THE SWEAT
OF YOUR
BROW.



IT IS
NOT
OPEN
AND
ABOVE-
BOARD.

YES.



INVESTING
IS A VULGAR
AND
LOW-CLASS
ACTIVITY?



I THINK...
IT WAS
MY
GRAND-
FATHER.



WHO
TAUGHT
YOUR
FATHER
THAT?

YOU SAID
YOUR
FATHER
EDUCATED
YOU THAT
MONEY IS
IMPURE.



HIS
FATHER,
PROBABLY.
MY
ANCESTOR.

WELL...



WHO
TAUGHT
HIM
THAT?



HUH...?



WHO
PLANTED
THAT IDEA
INTO YOUR
ANCESTORS?







THAT
WOULD BE
LOWER
THAN
MIDDLE
CLASS.



I HEAR THE
YONEZAWA
FIEF HAD 250
KOKU FOR
GENERATIONS.



ARE YOU
DENIGRATING
MY
ANCESTORS?



THEY
MUST'VE
HAD A
TIGHT
BUDGET.

DON'T
GET
MAD.
BUT IT'S A
FACT THAT
THEY WERE
POOR.



YEAR AFTER
YEAR IT BECAME
MORE DIFFICULT
TO BALANCE
THEIR BUDGET,
AND BY THE
END OF THE
BAKUFIU PERIOD,
THINGS
MUST'VE
HIT ROCK
BOTTOM.

THEY
USED RICE
DISTRIBUTED
BY THE FIEF AS
COLLATERAL
TO BORROW
MONEY FROM
MERCHANTS,
AND USED IT
FOR THEIR
EXPENSES.



WHY WERE
SAMURAI ABLE
TO GRIN AND
BEAR THEIR
POVERTY?

BUT THEY
NONETHELESS
ENDURED THE
300 YEARS OF
THE EDO
PERIOD, AND
MAINTAINED
THEIR CLAN.



BECAUSE..
THE ENTIRE
NATION WAS
IMPOVERISHED.



IF
SOCIETY ON
THE WHOLE IS
IMPOVERISHED,
THEN IT BECOMES
AN ASSUMPTION:
NO ONE GRIPEs
ABOUT THEIR
DISSATISFACTION
THEY JUST
QUIETLY
ENDURE.

IT WASN'T
JUST THE
SAMURAI
THE FARMERS
AND
TOWNSFOLK
WERE ALL
EQUALLY
POOR



THE ONE
WHO CAME
UP WITH THE
IDEA WAS THE
FOUNDER OF
THE EDO
SHOGUNATE
GOVERNMENT
HIMSELF,
TOKUGAWA
IEYASU.

YOU SEE,
THE STATE
GOVERNORS
FIGURED IT
WOULD BE
EASIER TO
CONTROL THE
PEOPLE IF
THEY WERE
POOR.



TOKUGAWA
IEYASU MUST'VE
REACHED THE
CONCLUSION
THAT ONCE HE
SUCCEEDED IN
UNIFYING THE
NATION, IT
WOULD BE BEST
FOR THE NATION
TO BE POOR.



THE
HONNOJI
INCIDENT
PROBABLY
GAVE HIM
THE IDEA.



...IEYASU
HAD THE
MOST
FRIGHTENING
EXPERIENCE
OF HIS LIFE.

AT THAT
TIME...



BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
HONNOJI
INCIDENT?

...TOKUGAWA
IEYASU WAS
AT SAKAI

IN 1582,
WHEN ODA
NOBUNABA
AND HIS
SOLDIERS
WERE DEFEATED
BY 13,000
TROOPS
AT KYOTO'S
HONNOJI.



EVEN THROUGH
DANGEROUS
TERRITORIES,
HE
RUSHED TOWARD
MIKAWA.

WHEN HE HEARD
OF NOBUNABA'S
FALL, IEYASU
IMMEDIATELY
DECIDED TO
RETURN TO
HIS FIEF.



WHILE EN
ROUTE, IYASU
MUST'VE BEEN
THINKING
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS:

THIS WAS
THE MOST
DANGEROUS
TIME FOR
IEYASU, A
TIME THEY
CALL THE
"ADVERSITIES
OF THE
DIVINE
LORD."







"THEY
MUST BE
PLOTTING TO
DECAPITATE
THEIR LORD
WHenever
THEY
GET THE
CHANCE."

"VASSALS
CANNOT BE
TRUSTED IN
THE FIRST
PLACE."



"WHAT WILL
MAKE THEM
REMAIN LOYAL,
AND FOLLOW
ME TO THE
VERY END?"

"HOW
CAN I
GET THEM
TO NOT
BETRAY
ME?"



HOW WOULD
HE FOUND A
STABLE AND
LONG-LASTING
GOVERNMENT
WHEN HE TOOK
OVER THE
NATION, WITHOUT
GETTING
BETRAYED?

IEWSU
DESPERATELY
THOUGHT
IT OUT,
BATTLING
HIS FEAR
OF DEATH.



AND THEN
HE REACHED
THE ULTIMATE
CONCLUSION.
HE FOUND HIS
ANSWER.

WHAT WOULD
MAKE THE
PEOPLE LIVE
QUIETLY
WITHOUT
REBELLING
AGAINST
AUTHORITY?



...TO RULE
AND CONTROL
A NATION
THAT WAS
MODERATELY
IMPOVERISHED.

IEYASU'S
CONCLUSION
WAS...



MODERATELY
IMPOVERISHED?

SO NOT THAT
LEVEL OF POVERTY,
BUT HE MUST'VE
THOUGHT THAT IF
SAMURAI AND
TOWNSFOLK WERE
NEVER SO POOR
THEY COULDN'T
EAT, BUT WERE
MODERATELY POOR,
THE NATION WOULD
BE EASIER TO RULE.



THERE WOULD
BE RIOTS IF THE
PEOPLE WERE
IMPOVERISHED
TO THE POINT
OF FAMINE.

IF
THEY HAVE
FINANCIAL
POWER, THEY
WILL ALWAYS
TRY TO TOPPLE
AUTHORITY
AND TAKE
OVER.



AND WHY IS
THAT? BECAUSE
WHEN DAIMYO
LORDS AND THE
PUBLIC HAVE
MONEY, THEY
START GETTING
OUTLANDISH
IDEAS.



AS
COMPENSATION,
HE GAVE
PRIDE TO THE
SAMURAI
MAKING THEM
THE HIGHEST
SOCIAL
STATUS.

IN
ORDER TO
AVOID THAT
HAPPENING,
ONLY THE
BAKUFU
SHOGUNATE
GOVERNMENT
WAS ALLOWED
TO HAVE
MONEY.



OUT OF THE
FEUDAL CASTES OF
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS,
MERCHANTS WERE DEEMED
THE LOWEST IN STATUS
BECAUSE THEY WERE THE
RICHEST, AND THEREFORE
GREEDY AND SOILED BY
MONEY. THUS PEOPLE
BECAME SUSPICIOUS
OF THEM.

HE PLANTED
THE BELIEF IN
FARMERS AND
TOWNSFOLK
THAT
FRUGALITY
WAS A
VIRTUE.



BUT
THOSE VALUES
GOT PASSED
DOWN FOR
GENERATIONS.
EVEN AFTER A
NEW ERA
DAWNED
EVEN AFTER
CHANGES AND
REFORMATIONS.

...AND
EVEN IF THE
TOWNSFOLK
WERE POOR,
THEY COULD
BE CONTENT
WITH THEIR
UNEVENTFUL
LIVES. AND THIS
IS THE SECRET
BEHIND HOW THE
EDO BAKUFU
SHOGUNATE
GOVERNMENT
LASTED 300
YEARS.

SO THE
SAMURAI
LIVED
ONLY FOR
THEIR
PRIDE.





THE
SAMURAI OF THE
300 PEPS OF
THE EDO ERA, DID
NOT LOSE THEIR
PRIDE. THEY
LOYALLY SERVED
THE SHOGUNATE
GOVERNMENT,
AND THAT WAS
WHY THE NATION
WAS ABLE TO
MAINTAIN PEACE.

AND
THAT WAS
DUE TO THE
MAINTENANCE
OF ORDER!



I BELIEVE
THEY LIVED IN A
SUFFICIENTLY PROSPEROUS
NATION, INASMUCH
AS THEY HAD A
LAWFUL CIVIL
LIFE AND HIGH
CULTURE.

SO THEY
WERE LACKING
IN MATERIAL
ABUNDANCE?
I BELIEVE
THEY HAD
PSYCHOLOGICAL
ABUNDANCE.



IN
WHAT
WAY?



YOU ARE
MISTAKEN.





BUT THERE WERE NATURAL DISASTERS AND FAMINES. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, EVEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, STARVED TO DEATH.

YOU SAID THERE WAS NO CIVIL WAR.



SO THEY HAD ORDER AND HIGH CULTURE, BUT THERE WERE MOUNTAINS OF PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T BE SAVED!

THE POPULATION OF CHILDREN GOT DECIMATED IN AGRARIAN VILLAGES ON A DAILY BASIS! DAUGHTERS WERE SOLD OFF WITHOUT HESITATION TO BROTHELS!



POVERTY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL! POVERTY IS TANTAMOUNT TO MISERY!

A NATION LIKE THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT PROSPEROUS!



HAPPINESS
CAN ONLY BE
HAD WITH
MONEY!

THERE IS
NOTHING
OTHER THAN
MONEY THAT
CAN SAVE
PEOPLE AND
BRING
PROSPERITY!













YOU FELL
ASLEEP,
I GOT
WORRIED
BECAUSE
IT WAS
GETTING
SO LATE.



HUH?



ZAIZEN-
KLIN.

ZAIZEN-
KLIN.



OH, I'M
SORRY.



WHAT?
RYU-
GORO?!



WHAT
WAS
THAT...?

RYUGORO
AND I SAW
EACH
OTHER'S
EYE TO EYE...



YOU SAID
YOU SAW
RYUGORO,
EYE TO
EYE.



..AND
THERE
WAS A
STUDENT
CALLED
ZAIZEN
AMONG
THEM.

I HAD A
DREAM
ABOUT THE
INVESTMENT
MEETING AT
THE TIME
I WAS
READING
ABOUT...



THERE
WAS?



I MUST'VE
FALLEN
ASLEEP
WHILE
READING THE
RECORDS.



..WAS
CALLED
ZAIZEN
RYUGORO.

YES..
AND I
THINK
HE..

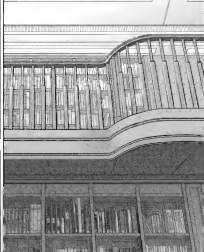


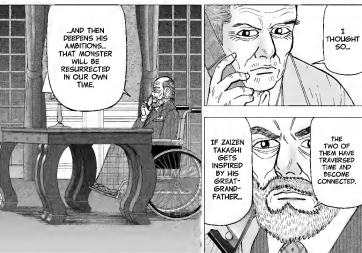
YOUR
GREAT-
GRAND-
FATHER..



I MUST
HAVE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT MY
GREAT-
GRANDFATHER
IN MY
DREAM.

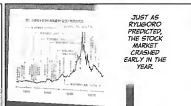








THERE WERE
MANY PEOPLE
WHO LOST A
FORTUNE IN
STOCKS AT THAT
TIME. RYUGORO
HAD SOLD
EVERYTHING,
SO HE MUST'VE
EARNED IMMENSE
TRUST.



JUST AS
RYUGORO
PREDICTED,
THE STOCK
MARKET
CRASHED
EARLY IN THE
YEAR.

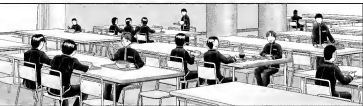


RYUGORO'S
AMAZING!



I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE TO
RYUGORO.

I WANT TO BE
LIKE THAT.. NO,
I WANT TO
SURPASS HIS
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!



INVESTMENT CLUB MEMBERS EAT LUNCH AT THE CAFETERIA SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH, SO AS NOT TO AROUSE SUSPICION.



HEY, ZAISEN! DON'T SEE YOU IN THE CAFETERIA MUCH.

YEAH, I COME HERE EVERY NOW AND THEN.







THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY
NO HOPE OF
REACHING
FUTURE
DREAMS
AFTER YOU
GRADUATE.

IT'S
MEANINGLESS
TO STUDY AT
A JAPANESE
UNIVERSITY.



JAPAN IS
FINISHED.

JAPANESE
BUSINESSES
WON'T SURVIVE
ANYWHERE; THE
NATION'S POWER
IS STEADILY
DECLINING, AND
WILL KEEP
DECAYING
WITH NO END
IN SIGHT.



RIGHT,
TOWINAGA?

YOU
SHOULD RUSH
TO ESCAPE THE
SINKING SHIP
AND TRY
YOUR TALENTS
OVERSEAS,
FOR SURE.



I
GUESS
SO.

YEAH..









IN THE
FUTURE THE
SMART PHONE
WILL MOST
LIKELY
EVOLVE, AND
CURRENTLY
UNIMAGINABLE
NEW
BUSINESSES
WILL
SPRING UP.



BECAUSE IT
WAS CALLED
"PHONE,"
IT WAS
ORIGINALLY
CONSIDERED
TO JUST BE A
CONVENIENT
WAY TO MAKE
CALLS.

BUT
NOW IT'S A
SUPERIOR
PORTABLE
TOOL THAT
APPLIES TO
EVERYTHING
IN LIFE.



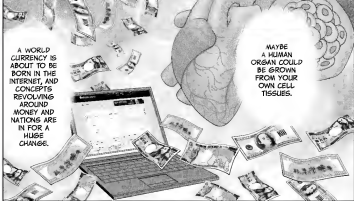
WHEN
AUTOMOBILES
WERE INVENTED,
NO ONE
THOUGHT
HORSE-DRIVEN
CARRIAGES
WOULD
BECOME
OBSOLETE.

THAT'S THE
KIND OF
PATH THAT
HUMAN
INVENTIONS
TAKE.



EVERY INVENTION
LIKE THE AIRPLANE
OR COMPUTER HAS
BEEN DISPARAGED
AT FIRST: "WHAT
WOULD ANYONE
USE THOSE
THINGS FOR?"

NO ONE
IMAGINED THAT
NUMEROUS
INDUSTRIES
WOULD BE
BORN
AROUND THE
AUTOMOBILE.



A WORLD CURRENCY IS ABOUT TO BE BORN IN THE INTERNET, AND CONCEPTS REVOLVING AROUND MONEY AND NATIONS ARE IN FOR A HUGE CHANGE.

MAYBE A HUMAN ORGAN COULD BE GROWN FROM YOUR OWN CELL TISSUES.



AND IN THE MIDST OF THEIR VICISSITUDES, OPPORTUNITIES ARE BORN.

AGES MOVE DYNAMICALLY DUE TO TECHNOLOGY.



HOPES AND DREAMS CAN BE HAD AT ANY TIME.



NOW LEARN
TO BE MORE
RESPECTFUL
TO YOUR
SENPAIS.

I GUESS
YOU'VE
SAID
ENOUGH.



I
APOLOGIZE.

YES.



YEAH.

I'M DONE
EATING,
SO IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME.



MUST'VE
BEEN AN
ARGUMENT.



WHAT
WAS
ALL
THAT?







WE
CAN YIELD
HIGHER
RESULTS IF
WE DO IT ALL
TOGETHER.

WE'RE NOT
THE ONLY
OUTSTANDING
STUDENTS AT
THE SCHOOL.
THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
OTHERS.



AND
MAYBE
THEY'LL
GROW TO
BECOME
OUTSTANDING
INVESTORS
IN THE
FUTURE.

THEN
EVENTUALLY
THEIR
INTEREST IN
STOCKS AND
INVESTMENTS
WILL GROW.



THEN
JAPAN CAN
BECOME A TRUE
"INVESTMENT
NATION." THE
ECONOMY WILL
BE FILLED WITH
ENERGY, AND
WE CAN BECOME
A WONDERFUL
COUNTRY!

OUR ACTIVITY
CAN BE SPREAD
NATIONWIDE!
INVESTMENT
CLUBS CAN BE
INSTALLED IN ALL
THE SCHOOLS, AND
THE EDUCATION
OF HUMAN
RESOURCES
CAN BE
IMPLEMENTED.





IF MASSES
OF PEOPLE
INVEST
TOGETHER...

GUARANTEED...
TO FAIL?!

...THEY ARE
GUARANTEED
TO FAIL.